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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/656,228

Applicants: Yusuke AMINO, et al.

Filing Date: September 8, 2003

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME
DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE
SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE
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Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Zucker, P.A.

Allowed: March 15, 2005

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)

Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated September 8, 2003

Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed September 8, 2003

Copy of Form PTO 1449 filed September 8, 2003

Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated December 15, 2003

Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed December 15, 2003

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

YUSUKE AMINO ET AL

: EXAMINER: ZUCKER, P.A.

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: ART UNIT: 1621

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PURIFYING THE SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE SAME

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)

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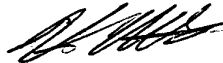
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Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that Fukuda et al listed on the Information Disclosure Statement Filed on September 8, 2003, and the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 15, 2003, have been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statements as filed on September 8, 2003, and December 15, 2003, along a copy of the corresponding date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the timely filing thereof.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

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Serial No. NEW APPLICATION

In the matter of the Application of: Yusuke AMINO, et al.

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Due Date: 09/08/03

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon.

- 49 pp. Specification 39 Claims/Drawings 1 Sheets and 2 Pages Application Data Sheet
- Copy of Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 3 Pages (executed)
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references were filed on March 7, 2002, June 11, 2002 and January 9, 2003 and were also entered by the U.S. Patent Office on September 9, 2002 in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/091,500, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.

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CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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	AB	5,510,508	04/1996	Claude, et al.			
	AC	6,077,962	07/2000	Prakash, et al.			
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	AX	T. Fukuda, "NIPPON KAGAKU ZASSHI", vol. 83, pp. 1126-1129, 1962
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☐ Additional References sheet(s) attached

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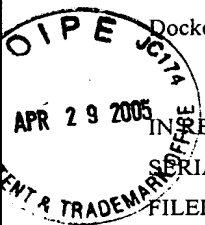
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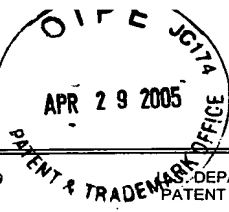
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